(b) if so, whether a large number of arms and ammunitions are smuggled from Pakistan in Punjab;

(c) whether Government have recently taken any steps in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is true that arms and ammunition continue to be smuggled into India.

(c) and (d) Appropriate measures to check infiltration, smuggling and bringing of arms and ammunition into India from Pakistan have been taken. The drive against active smugglers, especially those having nexus with the terrorists/extremists is also continuing.

Providing the PCOs in the Village Panchayats in Rajasthan

1590. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village panchayats in Rajasthan which have been provided with the PCOs during the period November, 1989 to April, 1990; and

(b) what is the number of villages in Rajasthan which are having post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 49 village Panchayats in Rajasthan have been provided with PCOs during the period November, 1989 to April 1990.

(b) There are 8939 numbers of villages which are having post offices in Rajasthan.

Opening of new post offices in the Country

1591. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices opened in the country during the period November, 1989 to April, 1990;

(b) the number of these which exist in the rural areas; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open small P.Os. in remote areas to bring these neglected ares into the main stream ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) During the period the opening of 814 new post offices including 749 for rural areas has been sanctioned. Information as to the number of post offices actually opened in rural and other areas is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The programme of extension of postal network is implemented in each Annual Plan, the main objective of which is to provide communication facilities to remote areas by means of branch post offices in most cases and sub-post offices in some cases.

Agreement for the co-production and financing the Film "Gandhi"

1592. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the agreement for the co-production and financing the film